

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CUELLAR OF TEXAS**

Page 431, line 13, strike “**Counter-Drug Activities**” and insert “**Counter-Drug Activities and Counter Transnational Criminal Activities**”.

At the end of subtitle B of title X (page 434, after line 7), add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1015. MITIGATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS**
2 **ALONG THE BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES**
3 **AND MEXICO.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) the Secretary of Defense should continue to
7 increase intelligence and technology sharing informa-
8 tion and capability with the Secretary of Homeland
9 Security and other agencies to mitigate national se-
10 curity threats along the international border between
11 the United States and Mexico, including threats of
12 infiltration and border breaches by transnational
13 criminal organizations; and

1 (2) the Secretary of Defense should strongly
2 consider operationally testing, along the inter-
3 national border between the United States and Mex-
4 ico, emerging technology capabilities developed for
5 the purposes of detection, intelligence, and surveil-
6 lance.

7 (b) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 90
8 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary of Defense shall brief the congressional defense
10 committees on the effectiveness of the ongoing collabo-
11 rative programs with the Government of Mexico intended
12 to strengthen the capability of Mexican forces to detect
13 and deter infiltration of the United States border and
14 other national security threats by transnational crime or-
15 ganizations.

